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Rep. Shuler Announces Nearly \$1 Million to Improve Rutherford Airport *Secures Federal Appropriation in 2009 Omnibus Bill*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Heath Shuler was in Rutherford County today to announce nearly \$1 million in federal funding to make improvements to Marchman Field.

The funding, \$926,500 which Shuler secured in the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill, will be used to grade and pave land for the airport's western hangar expansion. The hangar expansion is an important part of Rutherford County and the airport's long-term economic development plan.

"Marchman Field is Rutherford County's front door to the business world," said Shuler. "This planned expansion will ensure it remains a first-rate facility that attracts businesses and helps create jobs here in Rutherford County. The County Commission and other local officials have worked hard to develop this airport, and it is my privilege to partner with them on developing this resource."

Long-range development plans also call for a small industrial park to be developed near the new airport hangars.

"We greatly appreciate Congressman Shuler's efforts to secure this funding," said Rutherford County Commissioner Paul McIntosh. "The growth and development of Marchman Field will allow us to compete in the global market and keep and create jobs here in Rutherford County."

Rutherford County receiving the funds is contingent upon the Omnibus Appropriations Act being passed by the Senate and signed into law. It has already passed the House.

Senate passage is expected soon.

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